

We Claim

1. An antiperspirant or deodorant composition suitable for topical application to skin and providing a skin-care benefit which comprises:-
 - a) an antiperspirant active in an amount of from 1 to 50 by weight,
 - b) a natural oil that comprises a glyceride of an unsaturated carboxylic acid containing 18 carbon atoms
 - c) glycerolconstituents b) and c) being selected in a weight ratio of from 4:1 to 1:4 and together constituting 1.5 to 15% by weight of the composition and
 - d) a carrier fluid for the antiperspirant active other than constituents b) and c) which is free from a low molecular weight aliphatic monohydric alcohol in an amount of from 30 to 93% by weight.
2. A composition according to claim 1 in which the glyceride in the natural oil comprises a carboxylic acid residue from a unsaturated carboxylic acid containing 1, 2 or 3 olefinic bonds.
3. A composition according to claim 2 in which the carboxylic acid residue is derived from oleic, linoleic, linolenic or recinoleic acid.
4. A composition according to claim 2 in which the carboxylic acid residue is derived from petroselinic acid, 7-octadecenoic acid, parinaric acid, pinolenic acid, punicic acid and stearidonic acid.

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5. A composition according to claim 2 in which the natural oil comprises at least one oil selected from coriander seed oil, borage seed oil, evening primrose oil, maize corn oil, sunflower oil and safflower oil.
6. A composition according to claim 5 in which the natural oil comprises sunflower oil.
7. A composition according to claim 6 in which the sunflower oil contains rich in oleic acid residues compared with linoleic acid residues.
8. A composition according to claim 6 in which the sunflower oil contains rich in linoleic acid residues compared with oleic acid residues.
9. A composition according to claim 1 in which the weight proportion of glyceride-containing natural oil is in the range of 0.3 to 10%, in the composition excluding any propellant.
10. A composition according to claim 9 in which the weight proportion of glyceride-containing natural oil is in the range of 0.5 to 6%, in the composition excluding any propellant.
11. A composition according to claim 1 in which the weight proportion of glycerol in the composition, excluding any propellant, is from 0.5 to 10%.

12. A composition according to claim 11 in which the weight proportion of glycerol in the composition, excluding any propellant, is from 0.5 to 6%.
13. A composition according to claim 1 in which the combined weight of glycerol and glyceride-containing natural oil is from 2 to 8%, in the composition excluding any propellant.
14. A composition according to claim 1 or 13 in which the weight ratio of the natural oil to the glycerol is at least 1:2.
15. A composition according to claim 14 in which the weight ratio of natural oil to glycerol is no greater than 2:1.
16. A composition according to claim 1 or 13 in which the antiperspirant active salt is present at a concentration of from 15 to 30% by weight in a composition that is free from propellant.
17. A composition according to claim 1 to 13 in which the antiperspirant active salt is selected from aluminium chlorohydrate and activated aluminium chlorohydrate at a concentration of from 10 to 50% in a base composition intended for mixture with a propellant.
18. A composition according to claim 1 in which the carrier fluid comprises water.
19. A composition according to claim 1 in which the water comprises from 50 to 75% by weight of the composition.

20. A composition according to either one of claims 18 or 19 employing an aqueous solution of aluminium chlorohydrate, zirconium aluminium chlorohydrate or zirconium aluminium chlorohydrate glycine complex.
21. A composition according to either one of claims 18 or 19 in which the water or aqueous solution is thickened with a non-ionic surfactant.
22. A composition according to claim 1 in which the carrier liquid comprises a water-immiscible oil as a continuous phase.
23. A composition according to claim 22 in which the water-immiscible oil comprises a volatile silicone oil and optionally contains one or more non-volatile oils selected non-volatile silicone oils, polyalkylene glycol ethers and alkyl benzoate esters.
24. A composition according to claim 22 or 23 in which the water-immiscible oil phase is present in an amount of from 30 to 65% by weight.
25. A composition according to claim 22 or 23 in which the water-immiscible phase is thickened with a particulate inorganic thickener in an amount of from 0.5 to 4% by weight.
26. A composition according to claim 22 or 23 in which the water-immiscible phase is thickened or solidified with

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an organic gellant or structurant in an amount of from 1 to 30% by weight.

27. A composition according to claim 26 in which the organic gellant or structurant is selected from waxes.
28. A composition according to claim 27 in which the wax comprises a fatty alcohol.
29. A composition according to claim 1 in which the carrier comprises propylene glycol and/or dipropylene glycol.
30. A composition according to claim 29 in which the carrier is gelled by dibenzylidene sorbitol.
31. A cosmetic method for aiding the recovery of human skin from side effects of hair removal whilst controlling perspiration or conditioning the skin to ameliorate such side effect comprising
 - a) applying topically to the skin a composition according to any one of claims 1 to 30 before and/or after hair removal from the skin.
32. A method according to claim 31 employing a cycle in which
 - i) an antiperspirant composition is applied to skin in a chosen region of the body, and in particular an axilla,
 - ii) is left in place whilst the user carries out her desired activities, controlling the local appearance of sweat on the skin,
 - iii) optionally said skin is washed

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- iv) a shaving composition is applied to said skin and a sharp blade is pressed at an acute angle against and passed across said skin
 - v) optionally, the skin is rinsed and dried and
 - vi) steps i) and ii) are repeated.
33. A process according to claim 32 in which steps i) and ii) are carried out from 1 to 7 times between occurrences of step iv).
34. A kit of parts comprising a) a shaving composition comprising at least one soap and alternatively or additionally an other anionic surfactant salt, for use in conjunction with a razor and b) an antiperspirant composition comprising
- a) an antiperspirant active in an amount of from 1 to 50 by weight,
 - b) a natural oil that comprises a glyceride of an unsaturated carboxylic acid containing 18 carbon atoms
 - c) glycerol
- constituents b) and c) being selected in a weight ratio of from 4:1 to 1:4 and together constituting 1.5 to 15% by weight of the composition and
- d) a carrier fluid for the antiperspirant active other than constituents b) and c) which is free from a low molecular weight aliphatic monohydric alcohol in an amount of from 30 to 93% by weight.
35. A kit of parts according to claim 34 additionally comprising a razor.